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4. US 5,759,712
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6. US 5,932,365

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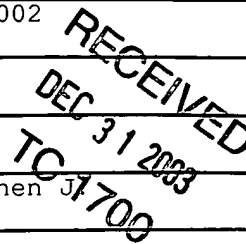
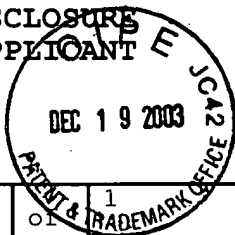
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